

## Your Field of Activity

*“For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord’s money” (Matthew 25: 14-18 , NKJV).*

I have a good friend who seems to be going through a perpetual terrible time. She is the type of person that has had to legitimately struggle through each day for more than 27 years of her life. Yet, you won’t see a lot of her struggles scrolled across Facebook or see her sitting boohooing in the corner.

What you will see is her helping the people around her even when her heart is breaking. I am amazed at how she continues to touch those around her with the love of God. I love and admire how she does not let her circumstances dictate her life.

After speaking with her today, it got me thinking....Touching others was something Jesus did on a daily basis. We are suppose to use what we have been given to show others His love (Matthew 25:14-30).

In the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-18), Jesus teaching that it isn’t the amount of talent you are given, it’s what you do with what you have that matters. Does that include the harder circumstances of your life? Yes!

The harder circumstances of your life are something you live with and work within each day. In God’s system of life, it’s not about how much you have it’s about using what you have for Him. Are you seeing this?

I was studying definitions for talent and there was one definition that stuck out: a person of talent in a particular field or activity.

Think about this definition- **In a particular field or activity.**

Your field of activity is where you live! It’s who you are. It’s whats happening in your life. It doesn’t matter what you are good at, what matters is using your field of activity for God’s glory and purpose.

All circumstances are usable even if they are ugly and painful. I want you to look at the field of activity or circumstances happening right now in your life. Do you bury the pain, by partaking in un-constructive or unhealthy behaviors?

Every day you are given unique opportunities to see God move in the lives around you. Some of you are literally facing terrible circumstances in your life. Don’t be like the man who buried his talents. It’s what you do for Him that counts. Use your field of activity to benefit others in some way.

You need today's message.... You need a reminder from the Holy Spirit to reach out and touch some one around you. When you do nothing it's no different than burying your talent. When you do nothing you are not operating in faith – for you show your faith by what you do (James 2:18). Faith and Deeds go hand in hand..

One day, we will each have to answer for what we did or didn't do with the circumstances in our life. It's time to walk in the power of His Spirit and utilize those circumstances happening for His Glory. You may not always see it, but God has equipped you with everything you need to accomplish and fulfill your purpose in this life (Alicia touched on this very thing on Wednesday).

Believe that God is working on your behalf. Use what He has given you, and trust that He will touch others through you. You may be going through tough times, disappointments, or have had some unfair setbacks, but there is still something more for you to achieve...

Don't let your field of activity keep you from the Divine purposes for which you were created.

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